human rights violation by the Army in this case. The Inquiry has, however, identified certain lapses on the part of the Column Commander, such as, not taking police representative along when going to apprehend suspected undergrounds and not issuing arrest memos to the two suspects, namely Mr. Bijoy Kumar and Mr. Y. Sanamacha, who had managed to escape after having been apprehended by security forces. Necessary administrative action against the Column Commander has been initiated accordingly.

Notwithstanding the findings of the Army Inquiry Committee as indicated above, the Raksha Mantri, has, in keeping with his assurance to unravel the truth, ordered a fresh High Level Army Inquiry into the matter.

Army's Obstruction for Development Programme in Manipur

4607. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minnister of DEFENCE be plesed to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in some parts of Manipur construction of raods and development programme can not be taken up due to the interference of the Indian Army;

(b) if so, which are these areas and the reasons for interference by the army; and

(c) by when the interference will be withdrawn so that the development work can be undertaken?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per the existing instructions, construction of roads within 25 km belt of the international Border with Myanmar entails prior clearance of the Ministry of Defence, for security reasons. The Government of Manipur can construct roads within the aforementioned belt after obtaining prior clearance of the Ministry of Defence on case by case basis. On most of the requests made by the Government of Manipur for construction of roads along Indo-Myanmar border, concurrence has been given Clearance for the two roads viz. (i) Road Humine-Nampisha in the Ukhrul district and (ii) Road Realram-Yangoupokpi in the chandel district, has not been given due to security reasons in the current situation prevailing in the area.

Russian anti-ship missiles

4608. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India propose to acquire 56 more Russian made KH-35 anti-ship missiles in near future; and

(b) if so, the details thereof with terms and conditions for such deal alongwith circumstances responsible for this deal?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) As a part of Indo-Russian Cooperation in the field of defence, Indian Navy acquires/imports variety of armaments and ships. It will not be in the interest of national security to divulge further information in this regard.

Suppliers of CSD coerced to subscribe Souvenir

4609. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all suppliers of Canteen Stores Department were asked to subscribe to a Souvenir and Price list to meet expenses of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations;

(b) the amount of money raised through such coercive strategies;

(c) whether Government had given specific permission to C.S.D. to raise funds in this manner; and

(d) if so, whether any complaints have been filed?